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8.1 Scope

- 8.1.1 Case organization (approximately 6 hours)
- 8.1.2 The theory of probability (approximately 13 hours)
- 8.1.3 Report Writing (approximately 17 hours)
- 8.1.4 Examination/PE (approximately 4 hours)

8.2 Objective

To provide a background in topics general to all types of forensic document examinations.

8.3 Methods of Instruction

Self-directed, practicals, demonstration, lecture

8.4 References

- Hilton, Ordway, <u>Scientific Examination of Questioned Documents</u>, Elsevier North Holland, Inc., NY 1982, pp 8-13
- Osborn, Albert S., <u>Questioned Documents</u>, Boyd Printing Company, Albany, NY, 2nd Edition, 1929, pp 225-236 and footnotes on pp 340 and 348
- Technical articles (as assigned)

8.5 Standards

- 8.5.1 The student must be able to prepare a typical case for examination, including evidence inventory, marking, and organizing.
- 8.5.2 The student must be able to explain the multiplication probability theory and be able to calculate the probability of multiple independent occurrences.
- 8.5.3 The student must be able to explain the range of conclusions typically used in laboratory reports, and be able to prepare an item listing for a draft report that is logical, concise, and technically accurate.

8.6 Verification

- 8.6.1 Student must score at least 80 on a written test.
- 8.6.2 Student must complete a practical exercise (to the instructor's satisfaction) demonstrating the ability to draft logical, concise, and technically accurate item listings for a variety of reports.
- 8.6.3 Student will have 40 hours to complete Course F.

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